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Applicants: Yusuke AMINO, et al. Filing Date: September 8, 2003

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME

DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR PURIFYING THE SAME, CRYSTALS THEREOF AND USES OF THE

SAME

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner:

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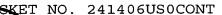
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The Patent Office is respectfully requested to advise the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

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